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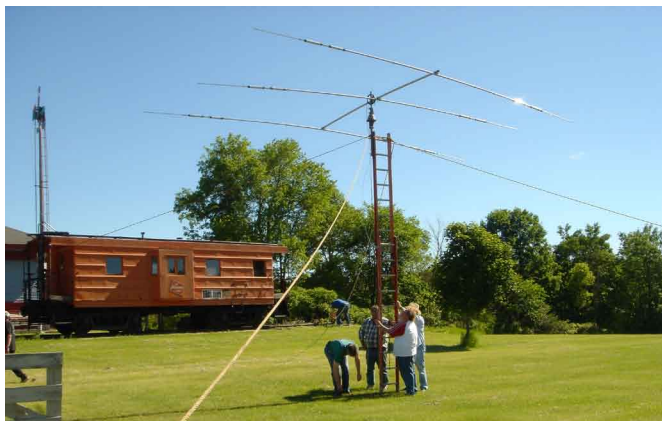
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FIELD DAY SCENES, 2004

To whet your appetite for one of our events, in lieu of the president's letter this month we present several photos of Field last year's Field Day.



WA9YAL, WB9LNU, K9LCQ, and AB9EY in group effort to put up our ladder tower with triband beam at field day.

W9WCF, WB9BWP, and W9CYI contemplating the situation in front of Cedarburg Depot at field day at Pioneer Village - Cedarburg, WI.



AB9FH, our vice president in fierce competition.

Field Day this year will begin with setup at around 8:00 a.m., Sat. June 25th and will wind up at 4:00 pm Sun, June 27th.

Our Field Day site is 10 miles north of Cedarburg on Hwy I at Pioneer Village.

NETS HEARD IN THE MILWAUKEE AREA

DAY	TIME	MHz	ACTIVITY	
Daily	6-8:00 AM	14.2900	Milwaukee / Florida (SSB)	Wed. 8:00 PM 147.2700+ Weather & Swap net
Daily	7:30 AM	144.1550	Breakfast RoundTable (SSB)	Thu. 9:00 PM 50.1600 6 m. SSB Net
Daily	9:30 PM	3.9725	Country Cousins Net	Thu. 9:00 PM 146.9100- Computer Net
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.8650-	ARES Net (Walworth and ARRL news)	Fri. 8:30 PM 28.4900 MRAC W9RH 10 m. Net (SSB)
Mon.	8:00 PM	146.4450	Emergency Net	Fri. 9:00 PM 145.3900- W9RH 2 m. FM Net after 10 mtr. net
Mon.	8:45 PM	146.6700-	ARRL voice news (ARES)	Sat 9:00 PM 146.9100- Saturday Night Fun Net
Mon.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB NET	Sun. 8:30 AM 3.9850 QCWA (Chptr 55) (SSB)
Mon.	9:00 PM	147.1650+	ARES Net (Milwaukee-Waukesha)	Sun. 9:00 AM 145.5650 X-Country Simplex Group (FM)
Tue.	9:00 AM	50.1600	6 m. 2nd Shifters' SSB Net	Sun. 10:00 AM 443.8000+ FM-38 link to 146.88 Baraboo
Tue.	8:00 PM	144.2500	Badger Contesters (SSB)	SWAPnet
Tue.	9:00 PM	50.1600	6 m. SSB Net.	Sun. 8:00 PM 146.9100- Information Net
Wed.	8:00 PM	145.1300	ARRL voice news	Sun. 9:00 PM 146.9100- Swap Net

2 meter repeaters are offset by 600 KHz - - 70 centimeter repeaters are offset by 5 MHz
SSB frequencies below 20 meters are LSB and for 20 mtrs and above are USB

**Sign up at this meeting for membership certificate to be picked up
at our June 30 meeting.**

HAMATEURCHATTER

HamateurChatter is the newsletter of MRAC (Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club), a not for profit organization for the advancement of amateur radio and the maintenance of fraternalism and a high standard of conduct.

MRAC Membership dues are \$17.⁰⁰ per year and run on a calendar year starting January 1.

MRAC general membership meetings are normally held at 7:00 p.m. the last Thursday of the month except for November (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving) and December, when we have our Christmas Dinner.

Meetings are held at:

Redemption Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
4057 N. Mayfair Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

QSTs AVAILABLE

- The club received a donation of QST magazines ranging from the mid-'50' to the late '80s.
- Most years are available, but a few years are missing. Some have an issue or two missing. Most are complete.
- If you have an interest in a back issue of QST, you may request the full year by sending an email to ab9cd@arrl.net.

They will be made available at the next MRAC meeting.

- Multiple requests for the same year will be decided on a first come first served basis using time stamp on requesting emails. Requests for more than one year are welcome.

- Any issues not requested will be left on the raffle table at the rate of a box or two a meeting until they are gone.

- The order of issues brought to meetings will be random based on what box is on top of the stack.

- Sorry we cannot ship or mail issues.

- Only a complete year of issues may be requested (no partial years).

Please, No phone calls.

Credits

Our thanks to our news contributors this month:

AB9CD AB9EK W9UQ
WA9CGE KF9XL

Our thanks goes to:

Rita Doneis, Tom Fuszard, Hal Newton, and Howard Parks for proof-reading the 'Chatter this month.

Dick Wood for mailing the hard copy of the 'Chatter.

Joe Schwarz, who Emails the 'Chatter.

Howard Parks, who administers our Web Site.



Ted Stiller for obtaining and serving refreshments at our meetings.

Tom Sherlowsky and Jacquie Horwitz for taking care of the raffle at the meetings.

Mark Tellier, Tom Czaja, John Kraak and Tom Fuszard who manage our VEC.

**Thank
YOU!**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 4/28/05

There were 50 people in attendance including members and visitors.

Patrick, W9UQ, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Patrick announced the new members present were: Jay, WB9X, and Milan, N9IDX.

Tom, AB9EK announced the new members that signed up at SuperFest were Duane, N9LOF; Joe, AA9DO; and Charles, KC9CEQ.

The microphone was passed for all to introduce themselves.

Membership certificates were distributed to those members who had requested a certificate at the March meeting.

Patrick announced that Brian, K9LCQ, has agreed to accept the position of Secretary, again, now that his schedule has cleared up.

Tom, AB9EK, read the minutes of the March meeting. There were no additions or corrections. A motion was made by Pancho, KA9OFA, to approve the minutes as read and seconded by Sherm, KB9Q. The motion passed on a voice vote. Tom read the treasurer's report. There were no additions or corrections. Howard, AB9FH made a motion and was seconded by Pancho to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was passed by voice vote.

Dave, WB9BWP, reported on the progress of the club history book. Substantial progress has been made with several additions and updates. The history is currently only available electronically either from the club's website or Dave's which can be accessed via the club's website. Dave stated that future additions would include a history of the club's officers.

Jerry, WA9CGE, reported on Field Day, describing the lo-

cation at Pioneer Village in Ozaukee County at the train depot during the dates of June 25th and 26th. The set-up time will be 8:00 a.m. until noon on Saturday with operations from noon Saturday until 1:00 p.m. Sunday. Cleanup will be until 4:00 p.m. Jerry also stated that the club picnic would be at Field Day during Saturday afternoon.

Nominations were held for three positions on the Board. Sherm, KB9Q nominated Pancho, KA9OFA, Jerry, WA9CGE, and Dick, W9JBE, for the board positions. There were no further nominations. There will be an opportunity for nominations again at the May meeting.

Patrick, W9UQ, auctioned off a donated edition of Gordon West's code speed tapes from 10 to 28 wpm. The winning bid was \$7.00, with proceeds going to the club treasury.

Tom, KF9PU reported that there is a couple of NPRM (Notice of Proposed Rules Making) in the works. They will be released shortly, perhaps at Dayton. The NPRM's are expected to address the issues of code testing and a new entry-level license class. There will be a period of time after their release for comments to be made to the FCC.

Dave, WB9BWP, will be the MRAC VEC representative at the VEC conference this year.

Sherm, KB9Q, spoke on his concerns over the use of the MRAC repeater for the GMRR (Great Midwest Relay Race). Sherm questions the use of an amateur repeater for a commercial venture. The opinion from the ARRL is that the use is permitted unless it is specifically banned by the rules. Sherm acknowledged the proposed use of the repeater for the GMRR is legal. Sherm moved that MRAC withdraw approval of the use of our repeater for that event. Nothing in this motion would prevent the use of our repeater for any emergency situation. An unidentified member seconded the motion.

A lengthy and lively debate ensued.

Rick, WB9GYT, moved to close the debate and was seconded by Carlos,

KG9FC. Warren in a point of order stated that a 2/3 majority must approve the motion to close the debate. A voice vote passed the motion and the debate was closed.

A hand vote defeated Sherm's motion.

Warren, K9IZV, mentioned that he would be working for the GMRR and encouraged any wishing to help out to attend the ARES meeting on May 3rd.

Warren also announced that Buck, K9RYW, and Milan, N9IDX, had picked up the on air code practice while Dick, WB9PTC, was hospitalized.

Pancho announced that Harry Cieszki, K4VKW (old call - KD9AJ) had passed on. Harry was an MRAC member and former officer holding a couple of offices. Harry was living in Florida with his wife.

Pancho moved to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Sherm. Before the vote to adjourn could be taken Joe, KA9DFZ interjected that we missed Buzz Talk. Several members contributed to Buzz Talk. Joe, KA9DFZ, announced that future MRAC club meetings and activities would mentioned in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel. 20 meters is open. IC-7800 is available for \$10,500.99. Joe was thanked for arranging the announcement in the paper.

The vote to adjourn the meeting was passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dick, W9JBE, presented his program on the WWII Market Garden SNAFU. Thanks, Dick.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian K9LCQ

Brian, K9LCQ
Secretary, MRAC

OTA CW CLASSES

Dick McNew, WB9PTC, is still holding forth with his On The Air code lessons / practice. The class/practice is held on Monday and Friday at 6:00 p.m.

He starts off with a rehash of what he worked on before and then goes on to new characters. When he is done, he then shifts gears and picks up a little speed towards the end. In between, he explains some operating practices, usually having to do with CW.

VEC Policy CHANGE

MRAC VEC has changed its policy with regard to participation in special VE sessions which might follow amateur radio educational courses. Each request received will be considered individually, and consideration will be based on availability of VEs, location of and travel distance to the exam site, and proximity of the requested date to regularly scheduled MRAC VEC exam dates. The group making the request will be responsible for securing a suitable location for testing. MRAC sponsored courses will not be excluded from such requests.

Our first special VE session will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2005 at 9:30AM at AES.

John (KF9XL)

VEC REPORT

MRAC VEC conducted VE testing on April 30, 2005. There were 12 examinees, and 9 were successful in either upgrading or in qualifying for their initial license. A total of 13 Elements were given, and 10 were passed. Those VEs who participated in the session included:

Tom Czaja	-----	KG9EE
Pancho Doneis	-----	KA9OFA
Ken Eggert	-----	W9MOT
Les Hundt	-----	AB9EY
John Kraak	-----	KF9XL
Hal Newton	-----	KB9OZN
Sherm Swanson	-----	KB9Q
Ron Yokes	-----	W9BCK

MRAC VEC conducted VE testing for the first time at the Ozaukee Radio Club's Swapfest on May 7, 2005. There was only one examinee, but I'm happy to report that a new Tech has joined the amateur ranks. VEs in attendance included the following:

Jim Albrinck	-----	K9QLP
Gabe Chido	-----	WI9GC
Kent Christiansen	-----	N9WH
Tom Czaja	-----	KG9EE
Pancho Doneis	-----	KA9OFA
Bernie Golownia	-----	AA9CI
Kate Kedney	-----	KA9MWT
John Kraak	-----	KF9XL
Sherm Swanson	-----	KB9Q
Mark Tellier	-----	AB9CD
Ron Yokes	-----	W9BCK

Our next VE session will be on **Saturday, May 28, 2005** at 9:30 a.m. at AES.

John (KF9XL)
John, KF9XL

EXAM SCHEDULE

Sat., May 28, 2005 – 9:30 a.m. @ AES
Sat. June 25, 2005 - 9:30 a.m. @ AES
Sat., Jul. 30, 2005 – 9:30 a.m. @ AES

AES is Amateur Electronic Supply
5710 W. Good Hope Rd.
Milwaukee, WI

REMINDERS!

Please, check in to our nets on Friday evenings.

Our ten meter SSB net is at **8:30 p.m. at 28.490 MHz. USB**

Our two meter FM net follows at 9:00 p.m. on our repeater at **145.390 MHz** with a minus offset and a **PL of 127.3 Hz.**

Join us for Saturday morning breakfast at **Maxim's Restaurant, 18025 W. Capitol Dr.** We usually meet at around 8:00 a.m., and order around 8:15 a.m.



'CHATTER DEADLINE

The **deadline** for items to be published in **HamateurChatter** is the 7th day of each month. If you have anything for the 'Chatter, please get it to me before then.

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MRAC General Meeting

Thu. - May 26, 2005
Redemption Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, WI

TailGate SwapFest

SAT. - JUNE 4, 2005
3M CENTER
CRYSTAL MN
TI on 147.76- MHz (114.8 PL)

SEWFARS SwapFest

SUN. - JUN. 5, 2005
Richfield Chalet
Hubertus, WI

WCARC SwapFest

SUN. - JUN. 12, 2005
Wabash Co. Fairgrounds
Wabash, IN

EVENTS



Field Day

SAT. & SUN. - JUN. 25 & 26, 2005

Pioneer Village
Cedarburg, WI

MRAC General Meeting

Thu. - Jun. 30, 2005
Redemption Lutheran Church
Milwaukee, WI

SMARC SwapFest

SAT. - JUL. 9, 2005
American Legion Post 434
Oak Creek, WI

CIRCUS CITY SWAPFEST *

Sat. - Aug. 13, 2005
Sauk Co. Fairgrounds

* indicates
VE testing is available.

FIELD DAY

Field Day is an opportunity to see amateur radio in action and to have a chance to get "on-the-air". On the weekend of June 25th and 26th, local residents will have the chance to meet and talk with amateur (or 'ham') radio operators and experience for themselves what the amateur radio service is all about. The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club will hold a demonstration of emergency communication abilities as a part of an annual Field Day event on the grounds of the Ozaukee County Historical Society's Pioneer Village from 8:00 a.m. Saturday, June 25th to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 26th.

The annual Field Day event is held on the fourth full weekend of June as the climax of the week long "Amateur Radio Week" sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League (ARRL), the national Association of Amateur Radio. The purpose of the event is to practice and prove hams are able to send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, the Internet or any other infrastructure that



WB9PTC and W9MOT enjoying the weather while operating outside at Field Day.

might be compromised in a crisis. Each year, ham radio operators set up communications at remote locations using power sources that vary between solar power, batteries, generators and commercial power. These 'field' operations take place in locations that range from parks to shopping malls. Hams in the US, Canada and South America participate.

The setting for the MRAC Field Day is the historic train depot at Pioneer Village. The history of the railroad and the telegraph makes this location a perfect setting for this event.

Visitors are welcome to come and try amateur radio for themselves. MRAC will

sponsor a G.O.T.A. (Get On The Air) station where anyone, children included, may participate by getting on air under the guidance of a licensed ham. Visitors will be able to see different methods of communication, the different radios and antennas hams use, and learn about the varied activities that make up amateur radio. This really is a perfect opportunity to get a taste of amateur radio.

**Please come and visit
and maybe even operate!**
Gerald Wahlen, WA9CGE

The **next Meeting of M.R.A.C.**
will be **Thursday, May 26, 2005**
at **7:00 PM** at:

Redemption Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

4057 N. Mayfair Rd.

(Use the south entrance)

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE

Please, DON'T call the church.

Our Repeater

**145.390 MHz - offset with
PL of 127.3 Hz**

Use it or lose it.

**Our General Member-
ship Meeting for
May 26, 2005**
**will feature an election
to three positions on
the Board of Directors
and
our Annual Auction.**
Bring your goodies and money.

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